

- As part of the rule promulgation process, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) provides written comments in response to small business economic impact statements forwarded to it by each agency promulgating a rule.
- At the time the proposed charity gaming rule (located at <http://www.ai.org/legislative/iac/20060927-IR-068060335PRA.xml.pdf>) was forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for review and approval, the IEDC had not yet completed and forwarded its written comments on the charity gaming small business economic impact statement to the Commission for consideration.
- The Commission recently received IEDC's written comments. Because it is in the best interest of the citizens of Indiana for members of the public to have the opportunity to read and respond to IEDC's comments during the public comment period, the Commission has decided to briefly suspend the rulemaking process and hold another public hearing on the proposed rule.
- The next public hearing on the proposed rule will be held in the offices of the Indiana Gaming Commission on January 3, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. At that hearing, members of the public will again have the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule, and will also have the opportunity to review and comment on IEDC's written comments. Any comments previously provided to the Commission will be considered and need not be resubmitted. A copy of IEDC's written comments are currently available on our website and a copy will be available for review at the public hearing.
- On December 27, 2006, the emergency rules which became effective on July 1, 2006 will expire. Immediately following this expiration, the Commission intends to establish the proposed rules (which shall remain open for public comments through January 3, 2007), as new emergency rules. The Commission intends to have reviewed all public comments and approved a final draft of the rules before the end of the first quarter of 2007. Once a final draft is approved, the rules will be posted on our website.